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A.—(*a*) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to the answer given to his question No. 156. In addition, there is a special demonstration area on the Samalkot Experiment Station to show how any area of some seven acres or more can be formed in a practical way at a profit. Numerous exhibitions and conferences of ryots have been held at both the Samalkot and Anakapalle stations at which ryots are shown round and the work being done is explained to them. In this connexion, the hon Member's attention is drawn to the monthly digests[a] for—

February	1926—page 4.		January	1925—page	5.
April	1927— ,,	6.	December	1925— ,,	2.
October	1927— ,,	3.	August	1926— ,,	1.
January	1928— ,,	2.	November	1927— ,,	5.
			February	1928— ,,	2.
			March	1928— ,,	4.

(*b*) There are at present four agricultural demonstrators in the Ganjam district and six in the Vizagapatam district. They are stationed in the places noted below and each officer is in charge of the surrounding villages:—

Ganjam district—	Vizagapatam district—
(1) Aska.	(1) Anakapalle.
(2) Berhampur.	(2) Vaddadi.
(3) Parlakimedi.	(3) Narsipatnam.
(4) Chicacole.	(4) Bobbili.
	(5) Vizianagram.
	(6) Yellamanchili.

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Assistance to private enterprise regarding pumping projects.

* 341 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, in view of the promised assistance to private enterprise regarding pumping projects (vide page 78, Madras Legislative Council Proceedings, Volume XLI)—

(*a*) what arrangements the Government have made to let the public know of their intentions;

(*b*) whether any applications have been received since for such help; and

(*c*) how such applications have been disposed of?

A.—(*a*) On a consideration of the report of the Board of Revenue to which attention is drawn by the hon. Member, the Government have asked the Director of Industries to submit detailed proposals for initiating a survey of the surface and sub-soil water-supply in the Ceded districts with details of cost and of additional staff required with information as to the programme of work to be undertaken. This survey is an essential preliminary to the initiation of schemes for irrigation by pumping.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XI on pages 587—591 infra.

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The Government have also recently issued orders for grant of special concessions to owners of pumping installations. These orders have been issued as instructions to all officers of the Revenue and Public Works Departments and the Board's Standing Order on the subject will be amended in due course.

(b) & (c) With reference to these orders no case has so far been reported for the orders of Government.

Introduction of the warping mill in Kurnool district.

*342 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 4 of his report *re* the Kurnool district, that there are no warping mills anywhere in the district to help the weaver in the preliminary processes—

(a) whether the Government have investigated the question of introducing the warping mill into the district through their departmental agency; and

(b) whether any arrangements have been made or are proposed to be made to demonstrate the utility of the warping mill to the weaving population in the district?

A.—(a) & (b) Warping mills are costly and bulky appliances suitable for capitalists who employ groups of weavers. These mills are not at present recommended by the Industries Department as a separate unit since a combined warping and sizing machine offers greater advantages to the weavers. A demonstration of this combined type of machine has already been given at select centres in the Ceded districts through the agency of the peripatetic weaving parties.

Improvements to the blanket industry in Kurnool district.

*343 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 12 of his report *re* Kurnool district, that the blanket or woollen rugs industry is capable of improvement in many respects, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken—

(a) to improve the breed of sheep;

(b) to investigate into improved methods of carding;

(c) to demonstrate to the people the superiority of the charka over the takli for purposes of spinning wool; and

(d) to introduce the fly-shuttle to the weavers outside the Siddapuram settlement?

A.—(a) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is examining the feasibility of accredited co-operative societies taking a few good breeding rams from the Agricultural Department and, if possible, of organizing new co-operative societies for sheep breeding in the district.

(b) It has not yet been found possible to initiate experiments in connexion with the evolution of a suitable hand-driven carding machine.